## NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION AND SAMPLE BALLOT

November 2, 2010

OFFICE OF THE DANE COUNTY CLERK

TO THE ELECTORS OF DANE COUNTY

Notice is hereby given of a general election to be held in the several wards in Dane County, on Tuesday, November 2, 2010, at which the officers named below shall be chosen. The names of the candidates for each office to be voted for, whose nominations have been certified to or filed in this office, are given under the title of the office and under the appropriate party or other designation, each in its proper column, together with the questions submitted to a vote, in the sample ballot below.

## INFORMATION TO ELECTORS

Upon entering the polling place, an elector shall state his or her name and address before being permitted to vote. Where ballots are distributed to electors, the initials of two inspectors must appear on the ballot. Upon being permitted to vote, the elector shall retire alone to a voting booth and cast his or her ballot except that an elector who is a parent or guardian may be accompanied by the elector's minor child or minor ward. An election official may inform the elector of the proper manner for casting a vote, but the official may not in any manner advise or indicate a particular voting choice.

<u>A straight party vote</u> is a vote for all the party's candidates listed on the ballot, unless the elector casts a vote for a candidate of another party, writes in the name of a candidate or applies a sticker. A straight party vote cannot be cast for Independent candidates. At the general election, <u>if an elector wishes to cast a straight party vote for all candidates nominated by any party</u>, the elector shall select the party of his or her choice and:

Where an optical scan system is used, connect the arrow next to the party designation.

To vote for individual candidates, where an optical scan system is used, connect the arrow next to the candidate's name for whom he or she intends to vote.

To vote for a person whose name does not appear on the ballot, where an optical scan voting system is used, the elector shall write the name of the candidate of his or her choice in the space provided for a write-in vote.

An elector must vote for Governor and Lieutenant Governor jointly on one ticket. A vote for Governor is also a vote for Lieutenant Governor. To vote for persons whose names do not appear on the ballot, write the names of individuals for both offices on the lines provided.

On referenda questions, where an optical scan voting system is used, the elector shall connect the arrow next to "yes" if in favor of the question, or the elector shall connect the arrow next to "no" if opposed to the question.

The vote should not be cast in any other manner. If an elector spoils an optical scan ballot, he or she shall return it to an election official who shall issue another ballot in its place, but not more than three ballots shall be issued to any one elector. If the ballot has not been initialed by two inspectors or is defective in any other way, the elector shall return it to the election official who shall issue a proper ballot in its place. Not more than five minutes' time shall be allowed inside a voting booth. Sample ballots or other materials to assist the elector in marking his or her ballot may be taken into the booth and copied. The sample ballot shall not be shown to anyone so as to reveal how the ballot is marked.

After casting his or her vote, the elector shall leave the voting booth, properly deposit the ballot, and promptly leave the polling place.

After an official optical scan ballot is marked, it shall be inserted in the security sleeve so the marks do not show. The elector shall then insert the ballot in the voting device and discard the sleeve, or deliver the ballot to an inspector for deposit.

An elector may select an individual to assist in casting his or her vote if the elector declares to the presiding official that he or she is unable to read, has difficulty reading, writing, or understanding English, or that due to disability is unable to cast his or her ballot. The selected individual rendering assistance may not be the elector's employer or an agent of that employer or an officer or agent of a labor organization which represents the elector.

The following is a sample of the official ballot:	

Robert Ohlsen, Dane County Clerk